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REMARKS

Amendments are being made to the Specification to provide headings and to the Abstract to conform with accepted U.S. practice. The claims are amended to remove multiple dependencies and to further clarify the invention. No new matter has been added.


Please proceed to examine the application as amended herein.

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Amended Claims - Marked-Up Version

3. (Amended) Flat gable composite packing according to claim 1 [or 2, characterized in that], wherein the opening element (4, 4') is sharp-edged on its edges pointing toward the inner PE layer.
5. (Amended) Flat gable composite packing according to claim 1, wherein [one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that] the opening element or sealing element (4, 4', 4' ') is designed as a plate (7, 7', 7' ') attached flat to the packing interior.
6. (Amended) Flat gable packing according to claim 1, wherein [one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that] the connecting element (5, 5') is molded onto the opening element (4, 4', 14) as a single piece.
7. (Amended) Flat gable packing according to claim 1, wherein [one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that] the cap (2) has a recess (8) to receive the end of the connecting element (5, 5') facing the cap (2).
9. (Amended) Flat gable packing according to claim 1, wherein [one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that] the connecting element (5, 5') is molded onto the cap (2) as a single piece.
10. (Amended) Flat gable packing according to claim 1, wherein [one of claims 1 to 9, characterized in that] a pin is provided as the connecting element (5).
11. (Amended) Flat gable packing according to claim 1, wherein [to one of claims 1 to 9, characterized in that] a web is provided as the connecting piece (5').
12. (Amended) Flat gable packing according to claim 1, wherein [one of claims 1 to 11, characterized in that] the connecting element (5, 5') has a cross section designed as a barb for the form-fitting connection of the opening element (4, 4', 14) with the cap (2).

13. (Amended) Flat gable packing according to claim 1, wherein [one of claims 1 to 12, characterized in that] the connecting element (5, 5') is positively or non-positively bonded with the cap (2) via thermal treatment.
14. (Amended) Flat gable packing according to claim 1, wherein [one of claims 1 to 13, characterized in that] the connecting element (5, 5') is slit at least in a plane perpendicular to the sealed cap (2) on its end facing the cap (2).
15. (Amended) Flat gable packing according to claim 1, wherein [one of claims 1 to 14, characterized in that] an "originality seal" (10) is provided between the flange (3) and cap (2) of the spout element (1), which is broken when the cap (2) is initially opened.
16. (Amended) A procedure for manufacturing a flat gable composite packing according to claim 1, comprising the steps of [one of claims 1 to 3 or 5 to 15, characterized by the following steps]:
 - Manufacturing the casting opening in the carrier layer,
 - Coating the casting opening with the outer PE layer, the oxygen barrier layer and the inner PE layer,
 - Molding on the packing floor,
 - Puncturing the film layers covering the casting openings with the connecting element (5, 5'),
 - Connecting the opening element (4, 4') with the inner PE layer,
 - Securing the spout element (1) and connecting the cap (2) with the opening element (4, 4') by means of the connecting element (5, 5'), and
 - Folding and sealing the packing gable after filling.

17. (Amended) Procedure for manufacturing a flat gable composite packing according to claim 1, comprising the steps of [one of claims 4 to 15, characterized by the following steps]:
- Coating the carrier layer with the outer PE layer, the oxygen barrier layer and inner layer,
 - Manufacturing the casting opening in the area of the packing gable,
 - Molding on the packing floor,
 - Securing the spout element (1) and sealing element (4' '), and connecting the cap (2) with the opening element (14) by means of the connecting element (5, 5'), and
 - Folding and sealing the packing gable after filling.
18. (Amended) Procedure according to claim 16, wherein [or 17, characterized in that] the connecting element (5, 5') latches with the cap (2) while applying the spout element (1).
19. (Amended) Procedure according to claim 16, wherein [one of claims 16 to 18, characterized in that] the connecting element (5, 5') is bonded with the cap (2) via thermal deformation.